

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)
U.S. Application No. 10/026,453

REMARKS

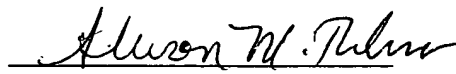
Claims 1-19 and 21-25 are all the claims pending in the application. By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claim 25 without prejudice or disclaimer.

In the Advisory Action of March 24, 2004, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-19 and 21-24 contain allowable subject matter, while claim 25 remains rejected in view of the prior art. Accordingly, Applicant has canceled claim 25, without prejudice or disclaimer. In view of the cancellation of claim 25, Applicant submits that the Application is now in condition for allowance, and such actions are hereby solicited.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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